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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/208,962	Applicant(s) ELCO ET AL.	
	Examiner Neil Abrams	Art Unit 2839	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6-22-2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 46-64 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 61-64 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 46-64 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ~~46-64~~ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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The drawing amendments are approved.

In addition to Replacement Sheets containing the corrected drawing figure(s), applicant is required to submit a marked-up copy of each Replacement Sheet including annotations indicating the changes made to the previous version. The marked-up copy must be clearly labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" and must be presented in the amendment or remarks section that explains the change(s) to the drawings. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). Failure to timely submit the proposed drawing and marked-up copy will result in the abandonment of the application.

Claims 46-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matuzaki alone or in view of Swamy, Romine, Carey and Kandybowski.

For claims 46, Matuzaki, fig. 2 device 1, 12 includes ground planes formed by shield 12, and located on each side of first and second parallel conductors arms 10a, 10a and dielectric walls 4 (fig. 1) located between conductor 10, 10 and one of the ground planes. While part 12 is not discussed it seems obvious it would be a shield similar to that at 25. It seems clear that a ground plane could exist between adjacent conductor arms 10a, 10a and one of the ground planes. While part 12 is not discussed it seems obvious it would be a shield similar to that at 25. It seems clear that a ground plane could exist between adjacent conductor arms 10a, 10a. The claims cover the device used at any voltage and at very low voltage ^{at which} such ground plane could readily exist. The space between contact arms 10a, 10a would be filled with air and with the ridges that separate the contact arms. These ridges do not effect basic concept and could be present or omitted. If omitted only air would separate arms 10a, 10a.

For claims 47-50, the conductors 10a, 10a are parallel and also obvious to form Matuzaki connector 1 for pcb mounting in view of Kandybowski and Ramine, but with use of solder as in Romine at 52, or with solder ball use in view of Swamy.

PCB mounting is a standard option and solder use enables good connection. As an alternative obvious to join 7 to a flexible substrate (flex pcb) by use of solder at 7A. Such solder use is standard in the art.

While Matazuka shield would typically be grounded, should the matter be at issue, also obvious to so form it in view of Carey, see abstract.

Claims 51-60 are also covered by references as applied above.

Claims 46-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mathe in view of Carey, Matuzaki, Swamy and Romine.

Mathe, fig. 2B includes a metal part 14 defining first, second, third and fourth planes and conductors 17, 17 located between such planes and dielectric at leadline 15 between the metal planes and the conductors 17, 17, the space between conductors 17, 17 (outside ^{part} ~~part~~ 15) occupied by air. Also see figs. 1A, 1B. Mathe does not refer to the metal part 14 as a shield or ~~as~~ as grounded. Obvious that metal 14 would be a shield as in Matusaki at 25 and Carey at 16, 18 and grounded as is typical and taught by Carey, see abstract.

At low voltages a ground plane would exist between adjacent conductors 17. Reference to predetermined spacing, thickness defines no structural details over Mathe, so applied. Note, Mathe could also be applied with connectors mated and joined

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contact pairs 17, 30 together read as the recited conductors. Compare to applicants fig.,
1b at 5 26, 28.

For claims 48-50, etc, also obvious to form the fig. 2B connector to be mounted
to a printed circuit board and with solder in view of Matuzaki fig. 3, Romine, fig. 6 and to
use a solder ball in view of Swamy.


Claims 61-64 are allowed.

Applicant's arguments filed with the amendment and pertinent to above rejections
have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. See above discussion.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Neil Abrams at
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